

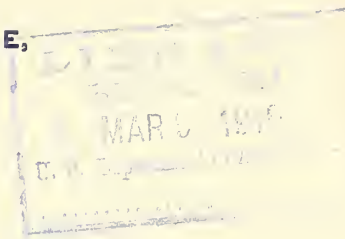
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.



Dear Sir:

One of the chief objects of your appointment as Federal warden is to secure the cooperation of the officials of your State in the enforcement of the Federal migratory bird law. With a view to the needed cooperation, we have asked the State Wardens to recommend a certain number of men who hold positions as Deputy State Wardens under them and who as Deputy Wardens have the power of arrest in cases of violations of the State laws.

Your familiarity with game conditions in your State and with the attitude of hunters, sportsmen and others toward the protection of migratory waterfowl, shore birds, and insectivorous birds, as well as the attitude of those interested in taking such birds either for sport, personal use, or the market, are qualifications which will enable you to render great assistance to this Department in connection with the enforcement of the migratory bird law. The salary of \$1.00 per month is merely nominal for the purpose of giving you proper legal and official standing, since the law requires that no one can receive a Government appointment without pay. Your authority to make arrests for violations of the State game laws is derived wholly from the State and your appointment as Federal Warden does not confer power to make arrests for violations of the Federal regulations. Your duty in case of violations of the Federal migratory bird law is to secure the evidence of the violation necessary for prosecution of the case in the Federal courts. The essential evidence is the name of the persons



violating the law, the exact time and place of the violation, the nature of the violation, and the names of two witnesses; one witness being sufficient, however, if you can testify as to the violation in person. A statement should be sent in as to the facts to which the witnesses can testify. A full statement of each case should be submitted to this office on the proper blanks which will be furnished for the purpose, in order that the violation may be taken up with the Department of Justice and the arrest made through that Department.

In making reports of violations care should be taken to give the full names, properly spelled and legibly written, not only of the persons who violated the law, but of the witnesses, and it is very important to state definitely what each witness will testify to. Hearsay evidence is of no value. The evidence must be direct and positive.

By your appointment at a nominal salary of \$1.00 per month you become an officer of the United States Government. The Comptroller of the Treasury has ruled that officers of the United States Government are not entitled to mileage or witness fees when attending cases along the lines of their duty in the United States courts, but that they are entitled to necessary expenses stated in items to be paid from the appropriation covering the work in which they are engaged. This, in your case, of course, will be the appropriation covering the Federal migratory bird law. In order to collect expenses in such cases a properly itemized account must be submitted, accompanied by proper sub-vouchers. This office will supply the necessary instructions and blanks for this purpose when requested.

The position of Federal warden at \$1.00 per month does not in any way affect the standing of the official as a State employee or



private individual when attending State courts on State cases, when he is entitled to receive whatever fees and allowances the State law authorizes.

You will be furnished a supply of stationery as needed, envelopes and paper, report blanks and such publications as may be issued from time to time on the subject of the enforcement of the migratory bird law.

You will be expected to report frequently not only in connection with violations in your district but as to local conditions and the attitude of the people toward the migratory bird law and toward game and bird preservation in general.

One of the most effective means of securing proper observance of the Federal laws protecting birds is by educational methods. The attention of sportsmen and others should be called to the importance of game bird protection, that the supply of game may be continued instead of being exterminated within a comparatively few years. Favorable public sentiment is the most powerful factor in local game preservation, and it is taken for granted that anyone holding a position either in the Federal or State service is thoroughly interested in creating a sentiment favorable to bird preservation.

Very truly yours,

  
Chief, Biological Survey.





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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

The chief object of your appointment as Federal Warden is to secure the cooperation of officials of your State game department in the enforcement of the Federal Migratory-Bird Law. With a view to the needed cooperation, the State game department was asked to recommend a number of men who hold positions as Deputy State Wardens under them and who as Deputy Wardens usually have the power of arrest in cases of violations of State laws.

Your familiarity with game conditions in your State and with the attitude of hunters and others toward the conservation of migratory game birds, and public sentiment touching the protection of insectivorous birds, is a qualification which should enable you to render desirable assistance to this Department in the enforcement of the Migratory-Bird Law.

The nominal salary of \$1.00 per month is for the purpose of giving you legal and official standing, as the law forbids voluntary service. Your authority to make arrests is derived wholly from the State—your appointment as Federal Warden does not confer such power. Your duty in case of violations of the Federal Migratory-Bird Law is to secure the evidence necessary for prosecutions of cases in Federal courts. The essential data in each case are the name of the person violating the law, the time and place of violation, the nature of violation, and the names of witnesses. Read carefully separate instructions on reporting violations. A full statement of each case should be submitted to this office on blanks furnished for the purpose, in order that the case may be taken up with the Department of Justice and the arrest made.

By your appointment you become an officer of the United States Government. The Comptroller of the Treasury has ruled that officers of the United States Government are not entitled to mileage or witness fees when attending the hearing of cases in line of duty in the United States courts, but that they are entitled to necessary expenses, stated in items, to be paid from the appropriation covering the work in which they are engaged. In order to collect expenses as a witness in such cases a properly itemized account must be submitted, accompanied by



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proper vouchers. This office will supply the necessary instructions and blanks for that purpose when needed. You are not authorized or expected to incur any expenses except as witness in Federal court.

The position of Federal Warden does not in any way affect the standing of the official as a State employee or private individual when attending a State court as witness in State cases, but the official is entitled to receive whatever fees and allowances the State law authorizes.

You will be furnished a supply of stationery as needed, envelopes and paper, report blanks, and such publications as may be issued from time to time on the subject of the enforcement of the Migratory-Bird Law.

You are expected to report all violations in your district and, once per month, report on local conditions.

One of the most effective means of securing proper observance of the Federal laws protecting birds is by educational methods. The attention of sportsmen and others should be called to the importance of game-bird protection, that the normal supply of game may be restored and continued. Favorable public sentiment is the most powerful factor in local game preservation, and it is assumed that all persons officially identified with the Federal or State service are thoroughly enlisted in creating a public sentiment favorable to bird preservation.

Very truly yours,

Chief, Biological Survey.

